

BEDFORD v. ARSENAL.

So many office-boys are burying their grandmothers that most of Bedford has to shut down when the Town meets Arsenal in a historic third-round replay. Arsenal, in white sleeves, are determined to avenge the draw which this non-League side inflicted on them at Highbury, but little Bedford - with only one full-time professional among them - are inspired by their success, and fight like giants. By half time, neither side has been able to score.

Bedford kick off in the second half, and immediately sweep forward into Arsenal territory.

Bedford's left winger Felix Staroscik captures it, and passes to Harry Yates - it's a goal!

Bedford one, Arsenal nil! The Gunners are stung into counter-attack. But Terry Pope, the Town's only professional, gets it clear.

Now Arsenal winger Mike Tiddy offers a chance - but it's missed.

Tiddy tries again. Again the attack fails, but Arsenal keep up the pressure. But though the Town are only part-time footballers, many of them are old hands at League football, and youthful Arsenal could learn a lot from their defence. Bedford see victory in their grasp, and they're giving nothing away.

Now Bedford are attacking again. Goalie Jack Kelsey runs out, and Yates grabs his chance - it's in!

But no - referee Callaghan rules it offside. Not a popular decision - but Bedford are still leading.

A few minutes to go, and Arsenal are attacking desperately. Vic Groves jumps - and heads it home!

All square at the whistle - and that means extra time. Arsenal the luckiest team alive, fight like tigers for the deciding goal, and that was nearly it!

But the Gunners' luck holds. Another attack - Vic Groves passes to Tapscott - and it's in!

So mighty Arsenal beat little Bedford. But it took them two games and extra time to do it!